

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

IN FAVOR OF

The graduation of the price of the public lands in that State.

FEBRUARY 29, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS requesting our members in Congress to procure the passage of an act to graduate the price of the public lands in this State.

Whereas there is in this State a vast quantity of public or government lands of inferior quality, which has been in market, or subject to entry for many years, and has not been deemed by our citizens to be worth government price, one dollar twenty-five cents per acre, (\$1 25 per acre;) and whereas it is believed by the General Assembly that the sale of all such lands should be effected as soon as practicable, for the purpose of increasing the population of this State, and for the purpose of bringing more revenue into our treasury; and whereas the said lands, or a large portion of them, never can be sold by the general government at the present price, as fixed by law, but might be readily disposed of at a reduced price, thereby bringing into our State an increase of population, and into our treasury a large additional revenue:

1. *Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That our Senators and Representative in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to use their best exertions to procure the passage of an act to graduate the price of all the public or United States lands in this State from one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, to twenty-five cents per acre, agreeably to the quality and the length of time said lands have been in market, or subject to entry.

Sec. 2. *Be it further resolved,* That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, after being duly authenticated, be forwarded, one copy to each of our Senators and one to our Representative in Congress, to be by them laid before Congress.

Passed House of Representatives January 5, 1848.

W. B. LANCASTER,

Clerk of House of Representatives.

JOHN CHAIN,

Speaker of House of Representatives.

Passed Senate January 5, 1848.

C. W. DENNING,
Secretary of Senate.
D. G. McLEAN,
President of Senate.

Approved January 7, 1848.

W. D. MOSELEY.

STATE OF FLORIDA :

I, James T. Archer, secretary of state of the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of a preamble and resolutions, the original of which is on file in my office.

Witness my official signature, and the great seal of the State aforesaid,
[L. s.] at Tallahassee, this twenty-second day of February, A. D.
1848.

JAMES T. ARCHER,
Secretary of State.